

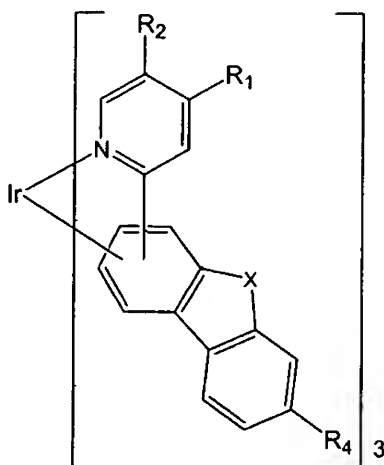
b) Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-11 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Kindly amend claims 12 and 13 as follows. A detailed listing of all the claims that are or were in the application is provided.

--Claims 1 - 11 (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A metal coordination compound ~~according to claim 1, which is~~ represented by the following formula (6):



wherein X denotes CRR', O or S where R and R' are independently a linear or branched alkyl group of formula: C_nH_{2n+1}- in which n is an integer of 1 - 20 , the alkyl group can include one or non-neighboring two or more methylene groups that can be replaced with -O- and also can include a hydrogen atom that can be optionally replaced with a fluorine atom;

R2 denotes a hydrogen atom; a fluorine atom; a linear or branched alkyl group of formula: C_nH_{2n+1} - in which n is an integer of 1 - 20 , the alkyl group can include one or non-neighboring two or more methylene groups that can be replaced with -O- and also can include a hydrogen atom that can be optionally replaced with a fluorine atom; a phenyl group ~~capable of~~ optionally having a substituent; a 9,9-dialkylfluorenyl group (of which the alkyl groups are independently a linear or branched alkyl group of formula: C_nH_{2n+1} - in which n is an integer of 1 - 20 , the alkyl group can include one or non-neighboring two or more methylene groups that can be replaced with -O- and also can include a hydrogen atom that can be optionally replaced with a fluorine atom); a dibenzofuranyl group ~~capable of~~ optionally having a substituent; and a dibenzothienyl group ~~capable of~~ optionally having a substituent; and R1 and R4 independently denote a hydrogen atom; a fluorine atom; a phenyl group optionally having a substituent; and a linear or branched alkyl group of formula: C_nH_{2n+1} - in which n is an integer of 1 - 20, the alkyl group can include one or non-neighboring two or more methylene groups that can be replaced with -O- and also can include a hydrogen atom that can be optionally replaced with a fluorine atom; the said optional substituent of said phenyl group, said 9,9-dialkylfluorenyl group, said dibenzofuranyl group and said dibenzothienyl group is a fluorine atom or a linear or branched alkyl group of formula: C_nH_{2n+1} - in which n is an integer of 1 - 20 , the alkyl group can include one or non-neighboring two or more methylene groups that can be replaced with -O- and also can include a hydrogen atom that can be optionally replaced with a fluorine atom.

13. (Currently Amended) An electroluminescence device, comprising: a pair of electrodes disposed on a substrate, and a luminescence unit comprising at least one organic compound disposed between the electrodes, wherein the organic compound comprises a metal coordination compound represented by the formula (†) (6) in claim † 12.

14. (Original) An electroluminescence device according to claim 13, wherein a voltage is applied between the electrodes to emit light.

15. (Original) An electroluminescence device according to claim 13, wherein a voltage is applied between the electrodes to emit phosphorescence.

16. (Original) A picture display apparatus, comprising an electroluminescence device according to claim 13, and a means for supplying electric signals to the electroluminescence device. --